

# 2022 local annual achievement report

## North West region

2022 was a year of recovery, of creating a new 'normal', discarding old habits without losing the best of our old ways.

We had biosecurity challenges, varroa mite in particular, but thanks to a proactive response it was able to be contained in our region. Our animal welfare and biosecurity teams worked closely with landholders and industry to prepare and protect against the threats of emergency animal disease incursions including foot and mouth disease.

The Watermark project entrusted to Local Land Services by the State Government provided additional duties for our land managers but provides an exciting challenge with the opportunity to use our specialist knowledge in a much larger scale than usual.

The upgrade of our 109 windmill bores to solar power began and will continue as fast as our capital allocation will allow. The upgrades increase the reliability of the TSR network and create an uplift in emergency management capacity for livestock in the region.

In 2022 significant flooding saw costly impacts on production across the region, and increased challenges from feral pests as their numbers boomed in favourable conditions. As our focus pivots into recovery, we will work with land managers to deliver major baiting programs in all districts.



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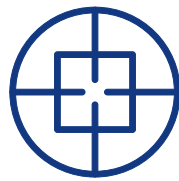
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North West Local Land Services



**7,020**

weed inspections conducted



**1,476,623 ha**

of pest animal control



**372 ha**

of wetlands rehabilitated,  
enhanced and protected



**517**

animal disease surveillance  
investigations



**76**

investigations for plant  
pests/disease

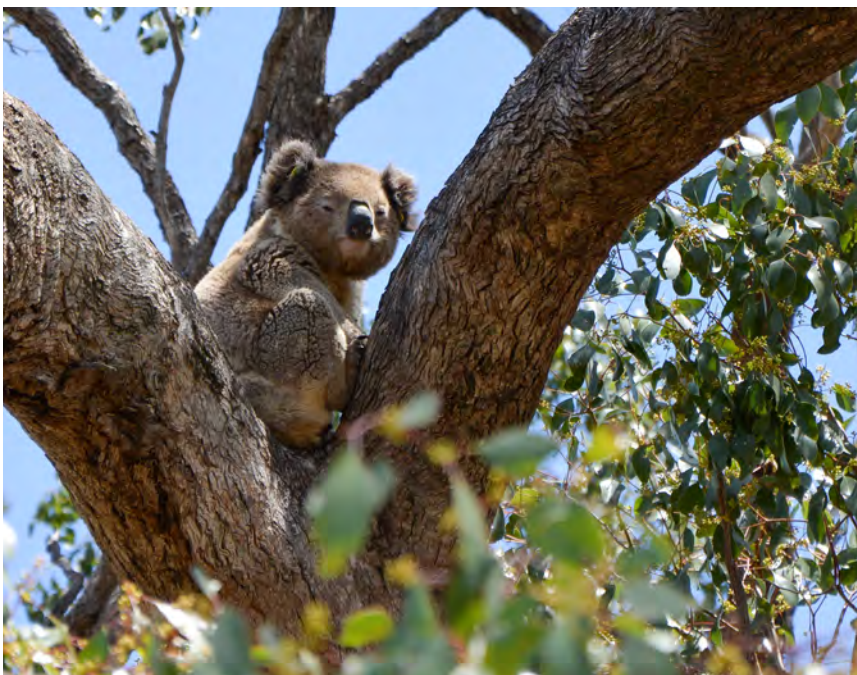
# Kamilaroi guda koalas

Gunnedah's koalas have been in serious decline since at least 2008, largely attributed to prolonged heatwaves in summer and drought. Stressed and dehydrated animals may be influencing the rate of infections of chlamydia and therefore further population declines.

To mitigate these impacts, we targeted an area to enhance to give the local koala population the best chance of survival and recovery. This area will be important for koala populations in a changing climate.

During this project we are delivering 15 hectares of revegetation to include additional shelter species and diversity of size and age of trees. Over 260 hectares will be treated to reduce priority weeds that impact koala movement and we will provide permanent and safe water for koala and wildlife drinking.

On-ground work is predominately on crown land such as travelling stock reserves. A great outcome that helps to protect an important Australian icon.



**3,752**

1:1 landholder  
advice consultations



**7,329**

participants at awareness raising/  
capacity building events



**10**

Aboriginal awareness raising/  
capacity building events



**6**

emergency management  
preparatory  
exercises conducted



**6,042**

permits issued for travelling  
stock reserves